

Dear students,

You may have noticed in the last few days that new examination regulations (acronym PO24) have been published for many degree programs in the Faculty of Engineering. These PO24 have been fundamentally redesigned in order to keep the curricula and content up to date and to offer you a good basis of compulsory subjects as well as interesting elective options. We have also incorporated our experience in optimizing studyability.

With this e-mail, we would like to inform you about the resulting consequences for your studies and draw your attention to information services.

Which degree programs are subject to the new PO24?

Formulated via an exclusion criterion, new PO24 have been published for all degree programs that are **NOT a teaching degree program or a (German-language) civil engineering degree program. If you are a student on one of these degree programs, nothing will change for you and the rest of this email will not affect you.**

Accordingly, new PO24 will apply to the following degree programs from winter semester 2024/25:

- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik)
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Mechanical Engineering (Maschinenbau)
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Medical Engineering (Medizintechnik)
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. NanoEngineering
- All ISE B.Sc. and M.Sc. degree programs
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Industrial Engineering (Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen)
- M.Sc. Automotive Engineering & Mobility Management
- M.Sc. Electrical Engineering and Information Technology - Distance Study (Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik – Fernstudium)
- M.Sc. Logistics Engineering (Technische Logistik)

These are available at https://www.uni-due.de/verwaltung/satzungen_ordnungen/pruefungsordnungen.ph.

If you have enrolled in one of the listed degree programs for the first time in winter semester 2024/25, these new PO24 will automatically and exclusively apply to you. This also applies if you have decided to enroll in a consecutive Master's degree program in winter semester 2024/25 after completing a Bachelor's degree at UDE. **The following information on transfer options from the previous PO19 to the new PO24 is irrelevant for you.**

For all students already enrolled in one of the listed degree programs before winter semester 2024/25, the text of the new PO24 applies, but not the curricula contained therein. They can continue to study according to the curriculum of the previous PO19 - this is explained in the corresponding paragraph on the transitional provisions (“Übergangsbestimmungen”) of the new PO. Nevertheless, please make sure you read the transitional provisions in the new PO24!

Possibility to change from PO19 to PO24

For all students according to PO19, you can (but do not have to) switch to the new PO24 in winter semester 2024/25. To do this, you must submit an application, for which the relevant forms are currently being prepared and will be published from November 2024. The applications will initially be collected and the change will not be formally recognizable for you in the online platforms until summer semester 2025.

However, you can safely rely on the existence of this switch option exists, as this is regulated in the already mentioned transitional provisions in the new PO24. Completed courses will be transferred if they are also available in the PO24. If you would like to switch, you can continue your studies from winter semester 2024/25 directly in accordance with the curricula of the new PO24. All credits earned in winter semester 2024/25 will be recorded correctly.

You must decide for yourself whether a change from PO19 to PO24 is reasonable and advantageous for you as a current student. You must take the following conditions into account:

- A change to PO24 cannot be reversed.
- Many modules and courses are part of the curricula of both PO generations. This teaching will therefore continue to be offered on an ongoing basis and the corresponding achievements can be transferred.
- Failed attempts will also be transferred if courses are equivalent.
- Some modules in the new PO24 contain additional content or activities to be completed. Therefore, it is possible that your previous examination performance will be respected and transferred, but further performance is required to pass the module and may have to be made up for. This is also due to the fact that, according to the new provisions of the ordinance for the accreditation of study programs, each module must comprise at least 5 ECTS, which often represents an increase compared to the previous assessment.
- New courses are only successively offered by lecturers from the point in time at which they are planned for the first time according to the (standard) study plan upon enrolment in the PO24 for winter semester 2024/25. A new course that is scheduled for the 5th semester in a Bachelor's degree program therefore only has to be offered from winter semester 2026/27. This means that you may have to wait for some courses/examinations.
- Some PO19 modules will no longer be offered in the new PO24. The credit points from these modules cannot be transferred. However, it is possible to have the grades issued as an additional achievement on the certificate.

To support your individual analysis, we have listed the courses according to the old PO19 and the new PO24 in a so-called equivalence list, indicating the extent to which these credits are transferred and the extent to which additional credits must be completed in order to pass a module. You can find this, including further information on the new PO24, at <https://www.uni-due.de/iw/de/studium/po24.php>

Remain in PO19

We ensure that you can also complete your studies according to the study plans of the old PO19. The following conditions apply:

- All PO19 courses will be offered for at least as long as they are scheduled in the degree programs based on the last enrollment in PO19 (B.Sc. degree programs in winter semester 2023/24; M.Sc. degree programs in summer semester 2024) and an additional 1 year longer.
- Courses that are identical in PO19 and PO24 will naturally continue to be offered beyond this date.
- Examinations will be offered until the end of the validity of the PO19 curricula, which is listed in the aforementioned transitional provisions of the new PO24. Based on the last enrolment mentioned in the first point, this corresponds to 1.5 times the standard period of study.

For the Dean's Office, all examination boards and teaching staff

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